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1. ON JANUARY 30 WE CONVEYED TO MCCABE, COUNSELOR IN CHARGE OF
TRADE AFFAIRS AT IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTS RAISED
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IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS A THROUGH D OF PARAGRAPH 4, REF. A. MCCABE TOOK

CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR ARGUMENTS AND REPLIED THAT ALL NINE MEMBERS OF EC AGREED THAT AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE HANDLED AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT PROBLEM WITHIN CONTEXT OF MTN. ONLY THE FRENCH, HE SAID, WANTED IT WRITTEN INTO THE EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE THAT AGRICULTURE BE DEALT WITH EXCLUSIVELY BY A SEPARATE BODY. MCCABE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF EC THINK IT WOULD BE TACTICAL ERROR TO INTRODUCE THIS ELEMENT OF RIGIDITY INTO THE EC MANDATE.

2. MCCABE NOTED THAT DESPITE IRISH AGREEMENT THAT FRENCH POSITION SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED INTO MANDATE, IRISH REGARD AGRICULTURE AND CAP AS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED QUESTIONS WITH VESTED INTERESTS AND TECHNICAL BUREAUCRACY. THIS WOULD DICTATE THAT AGRICUL

TURE RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT AND IRISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT CONSIDERATION OF AGRICULTURE MIGHT BE TOO DIFFUSED IF CONSIDERED IN BROAD CONTEXT IN MTN. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARGUE THAT IF AGRICULTURE WERE DEALT WITH BY A SPECIAL BODY, AGRICULTURE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SEPARATED FROM THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS. WE POINTED OUT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE BODY WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO SEPARATION OF AGRICULTURE FROM OTHER ISSUES. HE AGREED.

3. MCCABE SAID THAT HIJZEN HAD BEEN DELEGATED BY COMMISSION TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD IN BRUSSELS IN ORDER AVOID THIS POTENTIAL IMPASSE. HE CONFIRMED THAT QUESTION IS TO BE DECIDED AT FEBRUARY 10 COUNCIL MEETING.

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